



2009 Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards Nomination Form

Young people give thousands of hours of voluntary service each year in the State of Delaware, providing vital services to our residents. Nominate a young individual, student, neighbor, friend, or group of youth who have given their time and talents to help others and our communities.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◆ **Eligible nominees** include individuals or youth groups where participants are 18 years old or younger or enrolled as a secondary school student in 2008. Individuals and groups must be engaged in volunteer activities addressing community needs within the State of Delaware.
- ◆ **Nominees may not nominate themselves or be nominated by a family member.**
- ◆ Previous winners (individuals or groups) are not eligible for one year.
- ◆ Nominees must have been active within the 2008 calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Nominators should include information about long-term volunteer efforts in addition to the service given in 2008.
- ◆ **NOTE** – Nominees selected as award winners will be recognized through the press and at an awards ceremony to be held in April 2009. **Nominees' names and nominator contact information will be available to the media unless the State Office of Volunteerism receives written notification.**

Send All Nominations to:
State Office of Volunteerism
Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards
1901 N. DuPont Highway
Charles H. Debnam Building
New Castle DE 19720

If you have ANY questions, please email Carrie Happoldt at carrie.happoldt@state.de.us or call 857-5006.

Deadline for Nominations: postmarked by February 6, 2009

Nominations cannot be accepted after this date

**A COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKET CONSISTS OF
10 COLLATED COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:**

- 1. Completed Nomination Form** (Page 3 of this form)
- 2. Completed Narrative** (maximum length - 1000 words) Please answer all six questions—see **Section E** of the nomination form for further details on writing the narrative.
- 3. A Digital Photograph of Nominee(s)** sent to carrie.happoldt@state.de.us
- 4. Supplemental Materials** (optional) Supplemental materials may include photographs, letters of recommendation, testimonials, news clippings, pamphlets and other documents supporting the nominee's activities. All materials must be no larger than 8.5" x 11" and cannot exceed five pages.

Nomination packets without the required ten copies will not be accepted.

- ◆ Please type in **12-pt. font** or **neatly print** the information.
- ◆ **If nominating a group, include a list with each member's name and their school name(s).**
- ◆ **Do not submit** videotapes, cassettes, display materials, film, scrapbooks, books, etc. All materials and photos submitted become the property of the State Office of Volunteerism and will not be returned.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THESE ISSUE CATEGORIES:

- ◆ **Arts/Culture** – museums, performing arts, historical sites and programs; ethnic and cultural exploration or education programs; awareness and education for the arts.
- ◆ **Community Service** – volunteer service to improve a neighborhood or the community as a whole.
- ◆ **Education** – school- or community-based learning programs, early childhood development, and educational assistance at all levels.
- ◆ **Environment** – planning or implementation efforts; education; public awareness; protection or enhancement.
- ◆ **Health** – physical and mental healthcare; substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation.
- ◆ **Human Needs** – job training and placement; child care; youth and community recreation; services to the elderly, people with disabilities, families, or children; assistance to homeless and indigent persons/families; housing and short-term crisis; social services.
- ◆ **Public Safety** – assistance to victims of crime; public awareness and prevention programs; criminal rehabilitation; crisis intervention; disaster preparedness; firefighting and emergency medicine.
- ◆ **Social Justice/Advocacy** – efforts to bring together diverse groups within the community to address community issues or needs, or to promote equity and justice.

NOMINATION FORM

Nominators may use this form or a separate sheet of paper – be sure to include all requested information.
Incomplete nomination forms cannot be accepted.

<u>A. NOMINEE</u> Individual or Group Name _____ Day Phone _____ Evening _____ Parents/Guardians _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____ Nominee Address _____ _____ City _____ ZIP _____ County _____ Email _____ School Name _____	<u>B. NOMINATOR</u> Name _____ Day Phone _____ Evening _____ Title and Organization (if applicable) _____ _____ Address _____ _____ City _____ ZIP _____ Email _____ **If nominator is not the group contact, include group contact name and phone number: _____
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C. NOMINEE (Check one)

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Group (**include names of all group members and their school name(s) on a separate sheet of paper**)

D. ISSUE CATEGORY (Check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice/Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Needs | |

E. NARRATIVE: Please **clearly answer each the following questions**; type in a **12-pt font** or neatly **print**.

1. **NATURE AND SCOPE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** When and where did the volunteer service take place? Who or what was affected? How many people were served? How many hours were involved? How many dollars were raised or saved?
2. **IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** How important was the service given by the nominee to the individual, organization, group, or community served? Please explain.
3. **QUALITY OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** Describe the effectiveness and impact of the volunteer service or activity performed by the nominee and the spirit in which the service is given. Please explain.
4. **DEMONSTRATION OF LEADERSHIP:** How has the nominee demonstrated responsible citizenship by proactively addressing societal needs and working well with others? Please explain.
5. **INNOVATION OF NOMINEE:** Has the nominee used new approaches in addressing problems? Has the nominee provided service to others in spite of unusual challenges and obstacles? Describe creativity used by nominee. Please explain.

6. **COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** Does the nominee's effort demonstrate that volunteer service has been and will continue to be an important activity in his/her life? Please explain. List other volunteer or community service activities.

Nominate A Youth Volunteer Today!

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The recognition event for 2009 award recipients will be held in April.